(b) whether it is also a fact that these telecasts are increasingly sidelining Doordarshan; and

(c) whether unable to cope with the challenge, Doordarshan is passing the buck for controlling foreign satellite TV to the Ministry of Communications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Whereas the contours of a number of foreign statellites at present cover India, TV Signal from these settellites can be received by a viewer by the establishment of appropriately designed dish-antenna system available indigenously at an approximate price of Rs. 50,000/-.

(b) No, Sir. There is no discernible evidence to this effect.

(c) No, Sir. The Wireless Planning and Coordination (WPC) Wing of the Ministry of Communications, at the National Radio Regulatory Authority, lays down the policy regarding radio communication signals (including broadcasting) in India. Besides, establishment of dish antenna system capable of receiving TV signal direct from satellites is governed by Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and Rules made thereunder administered by the Ministry of Communications.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन स्टाफ एसोसिएशन द्वारा ज्ञापन

769. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन प्रोग्राम स्टाफ एसोसियेशन ने अपनी मांगों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार को कोई ज्ञापन दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी मुख्य मांगें क्या हैं और उन पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन की कार्यक्रम स्टाफ एसोसिएशन सरकार को समय-समय पर अपनी मांगें प्रस्तुत करती रही है । हाल ही में प्रस्तुत कुछ मांगों में भारतीय प्रसारण (कार्यक्रम) सेवा का कार्यान्वयन, कार्यक्रम निष्पादक के पद के लिये भर्ती नियमों संशोधन, उप-महानिदेशक तथा केन्द्र निदेशक (सामान्य ग्रेड) आदि के ग्रेड के लिये विभागीय पदोन्नति समिति की बठकों का आयोजन आदि शमिल है । कार्यक्रम स्टाफ एसोसियेशन द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई मांगों पर विचार एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है और संघ लोक सेवा आयोग जैसे अन्य निकायों के साथ परामर्श भी करना होता है ।

Strength ow women labour in industries

770. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plans to increase the women labour strength in different industries in the country; and

(b) what is the total number of women workers in the public and private sector separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) In order to equip women with adequate skills for increased employment in industries, Ministry of Labour provides them with opportunities for vocational training through a net work of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). At present the ITIs, which are open both to boys and girls, impart vocational training in 40 engineering and 27 non-engineering trades. In addition 309 ITIs/Wings have been set up exclusively for women and 100 more women ITIs/Wings would be established during the 8th Plan period. Further, one National and 6 Regional Vocational Training Institutes for women have been set up (at NOIDA and at Bombay, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Hissar, Calcutta and Tura respectively), which provides 3-tier training facilities to women at basic, advanced and instructional level of skills. Having a